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1. WHEN JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADER GALINSKY CALLED ON
MINISTER SEPTEMBER 14, HE CITED PRESS STORIES THAT FRG REGARDED
PLO OFFICE IN EAST BERLIN AS ALLIED PROBLEM AND THE ALLIES IN TURN
WERE ATTEMPTING TO WIGGLE OUT OF PROBLEM.

GALINSKY SAID HE HAD ALREADY HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH FRENCH MINISTER
PREVIOUS WEEK WHO GAVE HIM SYMPATHETIC HEARING, BUT GALINSKY COULD
NOT UNDERSTAND WHY ALLIES HAD NOT YET TAKEN PUBLIC POSITION ON PLO
OFFICE. HE SAID HE HAD ALSO HAD LONG CONVERSATION
ON MATTER WITH STATE SECRETARY EGON BAHR AND
DESIGNATE HEAD OF FRG REPRESENTATION IN GDR GAUS
WHEN THEY VISITED BERLIN A WEEK AGO, IN COURSE OF WHICH
BAHR SAID HE WOULD RAISE MATTER WITH ALLIED AMBASSADORS
IN BONN.

2. MINISTER SAID WE WERE AS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE
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ACTIVITIES OF PLO OFFICE AS GALINSKY AND WHEN ITS

ESTABLISHMENT HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED WE HAD IMMEDIATELY CONSULTED WITH SENAT OFFICIALS IN REGARD TO SECURITY PROBLEMS IT MIGHT POSE. THE ISSUE WAS AND WOULD REMAIN UNDER CONTINUOUS SCRUTINY. BEFORE CONSIDERING POSSIBLE MEASURES HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FIRST, TO HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES. THEREFORE WE WOULD APPRECIATE ACCESS TO ANY INFORMATION GALINSKY HIMSELF HAD. GALINSKY SAID HE WOULD FURNISH ANY SUCH INFORMATION THAT CAME TO HIS ATTENTION.

3. GALINSKY CONTINUED TO PLEAD FOR SOME SORT OF ALLIED STATEMENT DESIGNED TO ALLAY CONCERNS OF WEST BERLINERS. MINISTER IN TURN POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO ISSUE STATEMENT THAT EITHER SEEMED TO INFLATE SIGNIFICANCE OF PLO OFFICE OR TO INCREASE RATHER THAN DECREASE APPREHENSION.

4. GALINSKY INDICATED HE WAS EXPLORING ALL POSSIBLE CHANNELS FOR CHECKING PLO OFFICE. HE HAD WRITTEN LONG LETTER TO HONECKER APPEALING TO HIM AS FELLOW CONCENTRATION-CAMP INMATE. HE ALSO PLANNED TO CALL ON BRITISH WHICH HE HAD NOT YET DONE.

5. GALINSKY AGREED TO LIMIT ANY COMMENTS ON MEETING WITH MINISTER TO SIMPLE STATEMENT TO EFFECT HE HAD CALLED AT MISSION AND MET WITH THE MINISTER. WE ALSO AGREED TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH GALINSKY.

6. WE HAVE ALREADY HAD FEELERS FROM SPRINGER PAPERS AND DOUBT IF WE WILL LONG BE ABLE TO AVOID MORE DIRECT PRESS INQUIRIES. THEREFORE, WE WOULD PROPOSE IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT ALLIED POSITION ON PLO SIMPLY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SECURITY OF CITY IS ALLIED RESPONSIBILITY AND TO NOTE THAT WE ARE FOLLOWING SITUATION CLOSELY. (THIS STILL HAS TO BE WORKED OUT WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH.) AS IS CUSTOMARY, WE WOULD PLAN TO REFER PRESS QUERIES TO CHAIRMAN INFORMATION OFFICER (THIS MONTH FRENCH).KLEIN

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